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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hidemitsu AOKI et al.

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IMPROVED SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER
SURFACE AND METHOD OF TREATING
A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER SURFACE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 28, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 11, as
follows:

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--In accordance with the above conventional processes,
the semiconductor wafer 1 is exposed to an air or an atmosphere
after the semiconductor wafer 1 is unloaded from the cleaning
apparatus and before the semiconductor wafer 1 is loaded into the
growth chamber. A time duration between after the semiconductor
wafer 1 is unloaded from the cleaning apparatus and before the
semiconductor wafer 1 is loaded into the growth chamber depends
upon a waiting time for loading the semiconductor wafer into the
growth chamber. The waiting time may be, actually, for example,
one day or more.--.

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